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World pledges to end famine by 2000

ROME (R) — Faced with starvation in Somalia and new emergencies in Ethiopia and Sudan, the world's governments Friday pledged to end famine by the year 2000. "Hunger and malnutrition are unacceptable in a world that has both the knowledge and the resources to end this human catastrophe," stated a resolution adopted by delegates at the end of a six-day United Nations conference. Government representatives from some 160 countries participated in the International Conference on Nutrition, sponsored by the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO). According to U.N. figures, the world produces enough food to feed the entire planet, but 780 million people still go hungry. But there is some disagreement over the principle of foreign powers intervening in areas where war has kept food aid from reaching the starving, as in Somalia. The conference's declaration addressed the issue in a section on civil disturbances, stating: "All responsible parties should ensure the safe and timely passage and distribution of appropriate food and medical supplies to those in need."

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## Somali warlords announce truce

Aideed, Ali Mahdi meet under U.N. and U.S. mediation bid

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — Somalia's two main warlords agreed Friday with a public handshake and a hug to stop fighting and have their gunmen out of town within 40 hours.

The announcement by General Mohammed Farah Aideed and Ali Mahdi Muhammad did not, however, call on clan gunmen to surrender their weapons. It came just hours after their fighters slugged it out in Mogadishu with U.S. forces, and automatic weapons.

U.S. forces, meanwhile, apparently were finding it more complicated than expected to get started with the delivery of food to victims of Somalia's famine and civil war.

Plans were cancelled to escort a relief convoy across the green line separating the two warlords' turf. And a convoy to Baidoa, the epicenter of the famine, had been scheduled to go Saturday but was postponed.

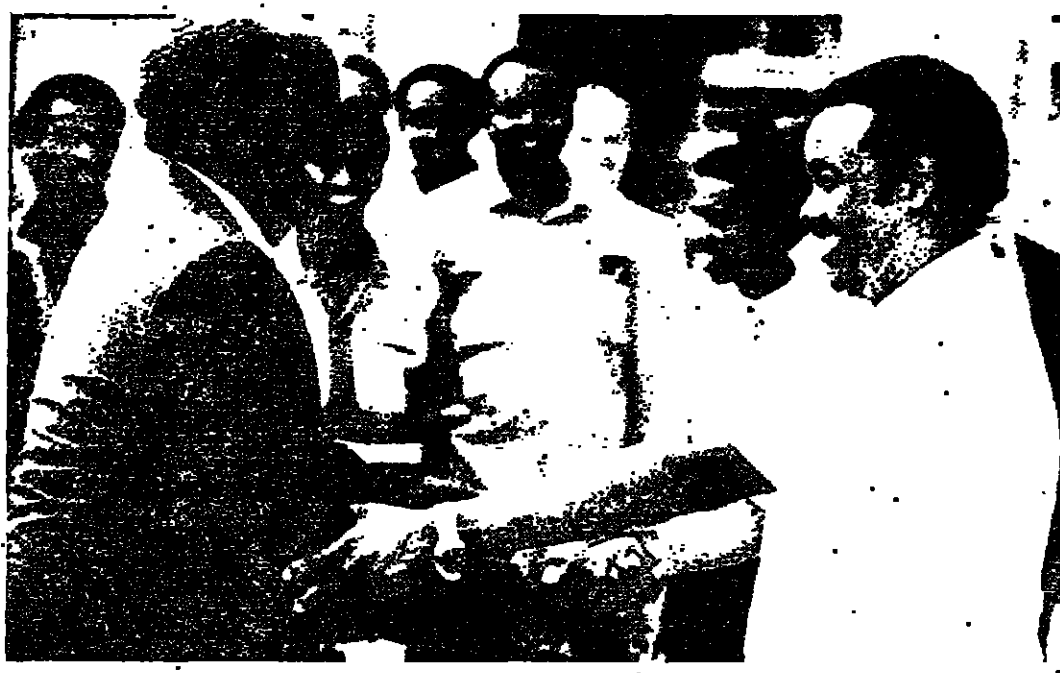
Gen. Aideed and Mr. Ali Mahdi smiled and embraced at their first meeting after more than a year of fighting which plunged the country into anarchy. At least 300,000 people have died from famine and disease.

A spokesman for the two read out a communiqué on Cable News Network (CNN) television saying the two men had agreed on a six-point plan to stop the violence.

This included an immediate ceasefire and a withdrawal of their rival tag-tag armies from the capital.

They also agreed to appeal to all Somalis to end hostilities and ban hostile propaganda between their groups. They said there was an urgent need for reconvening a "unity committee" and said the "green line" dividing Mogadishu should be dismantled.

The meeting between the warlords was held at the heavily guarded new U.S. mission in Mogadishu. Minutes after the agreement was announced the



Somali warlords Mohammed Farah Aideed (left) and Ali Mahdi Muhammad shake hands Friday morning after they agreed on a ceasefire and withdrawal of fighters from Mogadishu (AFP photo)

appropriately," said Major Steve Little.

The troops have orders to "use whatever force necessary" to end the plundering of famine relief supplies by gunmen.

Mr. Little said no guns were found on the truck which crashed into a wall. Seven other Somalis were injured.

About 2,000 American and French troops tightened their grip on Mogadishu, fanning out from the port and airport and dealing firmly with any sign of trouble.

Gen. Aideed and Mr. Ali Mahdi met privately with special U.S. envoy Robert Oakley. Also at the meeting were U.N. special envoy Ismat Kittani and U.S. Marine General Robert Johnston, commander of U.S. forces in Somalia.

The meeting followed an attempt by Mr. Ali Mahdi's forces to seize Gen. Aideed's radio station in southern Mogadishu. Aideed fighters were said to have driven off the attackers Thursday night, but fighting continued well past dawn near the line that divides the capital into Mr. Ali Mahdi's and Gen. Aideed's fiefdoms.

U.N. spokesman Ian Macleod said the United Nations hoped to hold another meeting Jan. 4, in

every single American be out of Somalia within two months? No. Will the bulk of the forces we are putting in there be gone within three months? We hope so," Mr. Cheney said.

But he said the withdrawal might begin "by the latter part of January."

Announcing the decision to send over 28,000 troops to Somalia last week, outgoing President George Bush said the intention was for them to hand over the job to a U.N. peace-keeping force, possibly before Mr. Clinton takes over.

Mr. Cheney said the United States was prepared to deploy off the Somali coast an amphibious readiness group of about 1,500 Marines backed by helicopter gunships.

It could come to the aid of U.N. peacekeepers if they run into problems after U.S. forces pull out, he said.

"We are prepared to leave behind a residue of specialists and some combat capability off the coast should that be warranted in order to support a sustained U.N. effort to maintain peace and security."

Specialists would include logistics and combat support units many other nations did not possess, Mr. Cheney said.

## King in Rochester

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein arrived in Rochester, Minnesota, Friday morning. He was received by Her Majesty Queen Noor, who will accompany him to the Mayo Clinic, where he will undergo medical checkups recommended by his doctors, following the successful surgery he underwent last August.

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## Afghan militia pulls back; tanks on Kabul streets

KABUL (Agencies) — Defence Minister Ahmad Shah Masoud has accused saboteurs within Afghanistan's coalition government and unnamed foreign countries of inciting fighting in Kabul to prevent the election of a new president this month.

Fierce clashes this week between the army and other parties in the uneasy alliance of Mujahadeen groups forced a delay in a meeting of nationwide representatives to choose the first elected Afghan president since the 1979 Soviet military intervention.

"Unfortunately some selfish saboteurs who are against the choice of the people want to control the situation and run the country themselves," Mr. Masoud said in his first interview for several months.

He declined to identify the culprits, but his army engaged the

Shiite Hezb-e-Wahadat party in four days of clashes last week in northwest Kabul and fought a fierce battle with a formerly communist militia in the city Tuesday.

The reclusive but powerful minister accused unnamed "foreign hands" of meddling to prolong the fighting. "These elements want to create a situation to prevent the Hal-o-Aqad council from taking place, but they won't reach their goal," he said.

Iran, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have all been eager to exert influence in Afghanistan since Mujahadeen forces ousted the communist regime last April.

The Hal-o-Aqad meeting of 1,500 elected representatives from across the country was to convene from Dec. 12 to 15 but is now almost certain to be delayed.

The governor of six western

provinces said by radio from the city of Herat that delegates from his region were waiting to leave but no departure had been scheduled.

The council is to pick a successor to interim President Burhuddin Rabbani whose term, extended by 45 days, is due to end on Dec. 15. Several Mujahadeen leaders are competing fiercely for the post.

General Abdul Rashid Dostam's militia seized control late Wednesday of the Bala Hisar fort on the eastern edge of Kabul following a daylong battle with government troops, which fought together to topple the former communist regime in late April, later agreed to hold their fire, said a ministry spokesman.

But Dostam troops still controlled the main road from the airport in western Kabul to the

city's centre and occupied sandbag bunkers near the Defence Ministry and the presidential palace. Militiamen, however, pulled back from a major intersection as well as the Bala Hisar fort.

Wednesday's firefight was seen as a warning to Mr. Rabbani, who hinted earlier this week that he might not surrender power later this month.

The Afghan capital has been wracked by fighting among groups vying for control. In less than six months, Kabul has endured more destruction than during the 14 year war that killed an estimated two million people. Thousands of homes and shops have been damaged or destroyed and 500,000 people — about one third of the city's population — have fled.

Meanwhile, in Geneva, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said more than 35,000 refugees from the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan have arrived in a remote region of northern Afghanistan.

The refugees from the civil war in Tajikistan were crossing the Amu Darya river on rafts of oil drums and wood, arriving in Afghanistan at the rate of 5,000 a day, a UNHCR spokesman said.

The UNHCR and other relief organisations have dispatched a convoy of trucks carrying food, medicine and shelter that was expected to reach the area Friday.

About 100,000 refugees remain on the Tajikistan side of the Afghan border.

The civil war in Tajikistan pits pro-Islamic and democratic opposition parties against the ruling coalition of Kulyad tribesmen, ethnic Uzbeks and old-style communists.

## Libya offers to discuss trial place

TUNIS (R) — Libya said Friday it was distressed by a Security Council decision two days ago to continue its air and arms embargo and offered to discuss where suspects in the Lockerbie plane bombing should be tried.

A foreign ministry statement said Libya was distressed by the Security Council decision Wednesday to continue sanctions, with members determining that "conditions did not exist" to ease the sanctions.

"Since there is no disagreement for the (Lockerbie) suspects to get a fair and just trial, there should be a dialogue about the place for such a trial and we hope this should happen shortly," the statement, quoted by the official JANA news agency, said.

The United Nations clamped sanctions on Libya in April, including a ban on arms imports and international air travel, when it failed to turn over two suspects wanted in the west for questioning about the bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Britain and the United States have asked Libya to turn over

two intelligence agents accused in the 1988 explosion of a Pan Am 747 over Lockerbie.

Separately, France is seeking four other suspects for questioning in connection with the 1989 crash of a French UTA airliner over Niger.

A total of 442 people died in the two bombings. Libya is accused of masterminding. Tripoli has denied the accusations.

The Libyan statement also said, "There is a debate with the foreign affairs ministry for a French judge to visit Libya peacefully in order to complete his investigation" with the UTA suspects.

Paris complained in October that Tripoli stopped the French judge from visiting Libya when he arrived aboard an army frigate.

The United States, Britain and France last month threatened "even more effective" measures to pressure Libya into extraditing to Britain or the United States the two alleged agents accused in the Lockerbie bombing.

But at the periodic council re-

view of the embargo on Wednesday no nation attempted to toughen the existing sanctions against Tripoli.

Maghreb appeals to U.N.

Five North African states will appeal to the U.N. Security Council to lift the sanctions imposed on Libya, an official statement said Friday.

The statement issued after a special ministerial meeting of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) said the union would "appeal to the Security Council to revise its resolutions with a view to lifting the embargo and restrictions."

It added that Libya had "continued to take initiatives and expressed its readiness to cooperate with the resolutions... to settle the crisis with the parties concerned on the basis of dialogue and the principles of international legitimacy."

It also said the five Maghreb states would continue diplomatic steps to get the embargo lifted.

The meeting of ministers from

## King withdraws from Cyprus

WA (R) — Canada and Friday that it will not send its peace-keeping force to Cyprus after 28 years due to tensions elsewhere and the progress in Greek-Turkish relations. Junior Defence Minister Mary Collins told the Commons that the 575 British troops stationed in the island will start leaving by the end of the year.

## Police officer killed in attack

(R) — An Egyptian militant hit by a petrol bomb in a crackdown on militants in the occupied West Bank Friday, an Arab teenager was killed in a stone-throwing incident and a carbomb was disarmed in occupied Jerusalem, authorities said.

## Birth control necessary

AN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul II said Friday birth control was necessary, especially for women, but insisted on acceptable methods were used. "The church recognizes that birth control can be objective and effective in limiting or spacing the number of children," he said. "Sometimes... and themselves obliged to limit their families for reasons of responsibility," he said. "The church, which teaches that only God can destroy life, sanctions natural forms of birth control, but a couple abstains during a woman's fertile period for three to five days a

## Case held in murder case

RUHE, Germany (AP) — A German court Friday held in connection with the deaths of a Kurdish leader and three aides in September, officials said. A statement from the federal prosecutor in Karlsruhe said the arrested man, a Kurd named Ayad, was held in Berlin. Ayad is accused of helping to plan the Sept. 17, at a restaurant where Sadiq al-Murid, 55, the head of the Democratic Party of the East, was gunned down along with three others. The statement said Ayad did not have any charges of accessory to the murder, but he helped plan the attack and remains in prison, a statement said.

## I will not have with Croatia

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel has not established diplomatic relations with the fledgling Croatian state, it considers Croats as "Serbs in disguise," a newspaper Friday. The decision was taken this week by foreign ministry officials in a meeting, the Maariv newspaper said.

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## Iraqi traders clear shelves

BAGHDAD (R) — President Saddam Hussein praised endurance of Iraqis under U.N. sanctions as traders cleared their shops of a list of imported goods to comply with a midnight government deadline.

Last-minute shoppers thronged central Baghdad under a full moon and headed home laden with everything from neon light tubes to children's clothes.

"In order for the progress of the nation to be realised, there has to be an exceptional case of sacrifice and patience and that is exactly the case of the Iraqi people," President Saddam said.

"We should have confidence in ourselves and look to the future," he added in a speech.

The government ordered the import ban to combat U.N. sanctions imposed to penalise Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent Gulf war. It covered 146 items, which the Trade Ministry says make up about 22 per cent of total imports.

Officials say the ban is aimed at concentrating precious hard currency reserves on essential imports such as foodstuffs. Manufactured imports such as ready-made clothes are being banned to boost domestic production.

Officials from the interior and trade ministries were to inspect shops from Friday to check that all goods on the list have been sold or surrendered.

For many Iraqis, the ban will have little impact, prices have shot up by several hundred times since U.N. sanctions were imposed and people struggling to feed their families can no longer think of buying such things.

As stocks began to run out, merchants asked 250 dinars for a case of Turkish beer, which sold for 190 dinars Wednesday and 200 on Thursday morning.

"Tomorrow it'll probably be 500 dinars," said one Baghdad resident heading home in a smart new leather jacket.

Prices for other goods were cut at the last minute. Neon light tubes were on sale for 35 dinars, compared to an earlier 70 for those Iraqis still with cash to spare.

Iraq's economic isolation means conversions are virtually meaningless. Officially, the dinar is worth \$3.1 but a dollar fetches around 30 dinars on the black market.

People said many merchants with friends or relatives in Jordan sent truckloads of unsold items such as electrical goods to Amman.

Traders had time to prepare for the deadline, which was put back last month from a date of Nov. 20 set in August.

President Saddam, who earlier this year ordered the execution of 42 merchants for profiteering, said: "We understand that it is not right for the first person in the country to be a merchant while there are hungry people in the country."

## Murdered Iraqi buried in Amman

By Laney Salisbury  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The body of an Iraqi nuclear scientist, gunned down Monday in Jabal Hussein, was buried Thursday at a low-key ceremony in a graveyard off the Amman-Baghdad road.

The deceased Muayad Hassan Najib Al Janabi (52), his frail body shrouded in white cloth, was lowered into his grave in the Muslim cemetery of Sahab, 20 kilometres east of Amman.

Janabi was assassinated by a lone gunman believed by men from the Iraqi intelligence services on Monday morning in front of his wife, Wafa Gazzawi, and two children. The family was on their way to the Tunisian Embassy to get a visa for Libya.

"What will I do without you...my heart is burning," wailed Mrs. Janabi, 35, hugging her two children as she rocked back and forth on a green bench outside Sahab mosque where relatives inside prayed over her husband's body.

As the last prayers were said, the small funeral procession of relatives, members of Jordanian security forces and reporters entered the undecorated cemetery where plain white tombstones rested beside sapling olive trees.

As the five pallbearers lowered the body into a shallow, muddy grave, Mrs. Janabi hysterically cried, "He has done nothing but accepted a job in an Arab country."

Talking to the Jordan Times and other news agencies earlier this week, Mrs. Janabi said the family was planning to go to Libya where Mr. Janabi was offered a "teaching" job at an undisclosed "nuclear institute."

The Janabis arrived in Amman in early November on a month-long vacation that ended Nov. 28, and according to the widow they were not planning to return to Iraq.

The Iraqi regime has banned key figures from their military programme from travelling abroad, but periodically allows selected personnel to take short vacations in Jordan, according to the Associated Press.

Mr. Janabi worked for the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission until 1986 before transferring to the Ministry of Military Industrialisation responsible for Iraqi efforts to build weapons of mass destruction, according to past press reports.

At least two Iraqi suspects have been detained by Jordanian security.

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

**Iran may hold presidential election**

NICOSIA (R) — Iran may hold presidential elections two months before the end of Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as chief executive, Interior Minister Abdolkarim Nouri said by the state-run news agency IRNA Thursday night, said a final decision on the date should be made by the ministry and the Guardian Council, a senior constitutional body which has veto power over parliament. Mr. Rafsanjani, fourth president, took office on August 17, 1989, after winning by a landslide the first presidential election since the death of Iran's revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini on June 3, 1989. Mr. Rafsanjani, 58, has public whether he plans to seek a second four-year term.

**Kaddoumi to visit China and India**

TUNIS (R) — Farouk Kaddoumi, the Palestinian Organisation's (PLO) foreign affairs chief, will visit India next week for talks on the Middle East peace process, PLO said Friday. Mr. Kaddoumi will be in Beijing before heading on to India. "We will discuss with leaders of two countries, members of the U.N. Security Council, developments of the peace process," said a spokesman PLO's political department.

**Prisoners on hunger strike in Morocco**

RABAT (AP) — Dozens of political prisoners began strikes Thursday to protest their confinement and mark anniversary of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The strikes were undertaken at the notorious Kenza where survivors of a 1972 coup attempt against King Hassan II, and facilities at Casablanca, Fez and Marrakech. The strikes are scheduled to last from two days to a week. The aim is to draw attention to what they claim are continuing human rights in the country. Meetings and conferences by prisoners' families and human-rights groups are planned in three days in several Moroccan cities. The strikes demanded in a communiqué that all political prisoners and that the fate of many people who disappeared during the 1972 coup be made known. The strikes also came in the wake of bloody clashes between rioters and police in Fez on Dec 14 that left scores of people dead during a general strike opposition trade unions. Morocco is a signatory of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but critics have long accused of jailing, torturing and murdering its opponents.

**German leader criticises Israeli extremists**

BONN (R) — The head of Germany's Jewish community urged extreme right-wing Israelis not to carry out acts to come to Germany and fight neo-Nazis. "We don't want to see them here," Ignatz Bubis said in an interview in the Express newspaper Friday. German newspapers report extreme right-wing Kach movement claimed to have members to Germany to fight neo-Nazis, who are attacking foreigners have desecrated Jewish cemeteries here. "If I were cynical, I would say the fighters would do better to worry about terrorists in Israel," Mr. Bubis told Express. "But since I am not, I advise these extremists to stay at home." While neo-Nazi violence and Bonn's hesitation until recently down on it, Mr. Bubis has frequently said he trusts democracy and does not think the extreme right can destabilise it. He recently rejected controversial suggestion Jewish writer Ralph Giordano that Jews should not leave because they fear German police could no longer protect them.

**French ambassador to Oman dies**

MUSCAT (AP) — French Ambassador Jean Pierre killed in a car accident Thursday night, the embassy statement Friday. He was 64. The ambassador was driving a Peugeot 605 to a diplomatic function at a coastal resort capital, Muscat, when his car hit a road barrier alone in the car. No other vehicles were involved in the crash. Mr. Guyot was a career diplomat who served as ambassador to Zambia, Lebanon and Egypt. He was married and had two children. His family was where he was to join them this month. The embassy arrangements were being made to fly Mr. Guyot's body to France where he will be buried.

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## Egypt pursues hunt for extremists

ASSIUT, Egypt (AP) — More than 1,000 policemen Friday conducted a search operation of villages in southern Egypt, arresting 26 suspected Muslim extremists and confiscating firearms.

A police official, who requested anonymity, said a force of 1,600 policemen participated in the sweep of three small villages near the Muslim fundamentalist hotbed of Assiut, 320 kilometres south of Cairo.

Police regularly stage such raids in and around Assiut, considered a major focus of activity by Al Gamaa Al Islamiya (Islamic Group) that wants to overthrow Egypt's government and replace it with a Muslim theocracy.

The Assiut dragnet coincided with the fourth day of a massive security operation in the extremist stronghold of Imbaba, a western Cairo suburb, in which 14,000 policemen participated.

It was the biggest crackdown since one that followed President Anwar Sadat's assassination by Muslim extremists in October 1981.

On Friday, police arrested 20 suspected militants in Imbaba, raising to 593 the number of detainees there since Tuesday.

Security operations normally include raids on suspects' homes or hideouts, checkpoints on possible escape routes, mobile patrols and spot identity checks or searches of people and vehicles on the streets.

The police informant said security forces in Assiut confiscated 92 weapons in raids on homes in the villages of Al Badari, Bani Hussein and Abu Zeit. They included automatic rifles and pistols. Police also found gunpowder used to make homemade bombs.

Authorities say the crackdown in Imbaba and elsewhere will continue until all suspected militants are caught.

The extremists this year have stepped up attacks against policemen and Christians. For the first time, the extremists targeted foreign tourists in order to embarrass the government and destroy the tourism industry, the country's main foreign exchange earner.

Since January, 79 people have died in the violence, including a British tourist. More than 130 people were wounded, including five Germans, two Britons and three Russians.

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## Communists to take Ministry to court

By Odeh Odeh  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Communist Party, which was denied official recognition by the Ministry of Interior, is preparing to sue the ministry at the Higher Court of Justice in Amman.

Prominent Communist Party member Emile Naffaa who made an announcement to the Jordanian media that lawyers Ibrahim Al-Hadi and Suleiman Al-Hadi had agreed to defend the party in court before the court and the Jordanian lawyers have also expressed willingness to do the

received a flow of telephone contacts and letters of support from various sources expressing solidarity with the party.

"Denying the Communist Party the right to function legally in Jordan is a negative indication that can by no means serve the democratic process in this country," said Mrs. Naffaa. She said that is not the problem of the communists alone but rather the whole Jordanian people. Interior Minister Jawdat Shoul had argued that it was his right to reject requests for recognition of political parties in Jordan according to the law.

In a statement on Dec. 5, the minister said that the law granted the Minister of Interior the right to reject any request for registering political parties if that request was found to contradict Jordanian law. But, he noted, that the same law opened the way for the applicants to contest the decision at the Higher Court of Justice

within 30 days of being informed of the rejection. The final decision in this matter, said the minister, rests with the court.

Mrs. Naffaa was speaking shortly after her return from Portugal where she attended meeting of the central committee of the Portuguese Communist Party. She reported the dismay felt by party members at the ministry's decision, although they had showed support for the democratic gains achieved in the Kingdom and the end of the martial law in the country.

Mrs. Naffaa said that the Communist Party in Portugal sent a cable to His Majesty King Hussein condemning the rejection by the ministry. She said that the various delegations attending the meeting in Portugal issued a statement in which they described the ministry's move as undemocratic.

"We, representatives of parties and organisations from different countries of the world attending the 14th congress of the Communist Party express dismay at the refusal of the Jordanian government to legalise the Jordanian Communist Party," said the statement.

## Political parties pledge to uphold democracy

By Mass Alul  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Four parties presented their political platforms at a seminar held Wednesday at the Islamic Cultural Centre, stressing their support for democracy and the multi-party system.

The Islamic Action Front, Al Mustakbal Party, The Arab Islamic Party and The Hashd Party (People's Democratic Party), which hold close political ideologies regarding the Constitution and democracy in Jordan, called for cooperation between all political parties to uphold the newly adopted democratic principles of the Kingdom.

Speaking at the seminar, General Secretary of the Islamic Action Front Ishaq Farhan emphasised the role of Islam in our society. "Islam is a comprehensive system and a message to the whole world. The Sharia should be the main and ideal source of legislation of laws, Dr. Farhan said.

The party, pledging to uphold the principles of Arab unity, promised to support the Palestinian cause.

"The Holy Jihad should be supported by every Arab citizen. The front believes that Arabism and Islam are inseparable, hence they seek to implement the Islamic Sharia in society through being executive supporters or constructive opposition," Dr. Farhan said.

Mr. Suleiman Arar, the general secretary of Al Mustakbal Party said that all the parties have the same basis, yet their platforms differ. "The bases of the parties are two: General and specific." The general basis is basically made up of the elements of democracy, human rights, multi-party system, the majority rule and the implementation of the law. The more specific basis covers "the recognition of Islam as the belief and faith of our nation, Arabism and Arab unity which are historical realities not mechanisms for ideologies."

Mr. Arar, emphasising that "the Arab-Israeli conflict is a struggle for survival and existence so we should support the Palestinians as Arabs and Muslims through building our nation to rise against the enemy," added that his party was ready to cooperate with other parties.

Expressing faith in the Jordanian citizen, Mohammad Kilani, member of the Arab Islamic Party, said that the party was "a national (one) in an Arab and Islamic Nation that believes in the weapon of unity."

"We work to implement the Islamic Sharia gradually, through dialogue and cooperation with all parties to the nation's advantage and for promoting the citizens who are the makers of the law and are equal in rights and duties," Mr. Kilani said.

Mr. Taysir Zibri of the Hashd Party said that "the central issue is the basic and general freedom that would solve our problems and deepen the parties' internal democracy. There are big gaps in the Political Parties Law which should be covered and political freedom should be enhanced because we do not separate between political democracy and social and economic issues."

The party believes in national unity and supports all national liberation movements. "Palestine is a central issue, the Palestinians in Jordan are Jordanians in rights and Palestinians in history and identity; they should have the right to return to Palestine and in that regard they are represented by the PLO historically and regionally," said Mr. Zibri.

"Arab unity would be a reality only if democracy is practised around the Arab World since non-democratic systems and institutions brought hopes for Arab unity to an end," he added.

Of the four parties participating in the seminar only the Islamic Action Front and Al Mustakbal Party are licensed; the People's Democratic Party and the Arab Islamic Party have applied but so far have received no answer.

JUST signs agreement with Canadian universities

AMMAN (J.T.) — Dr. Ahmad Abu Al-Haija, vice president of Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), returned recently from Canada where he signed agreements furthering cooperation between JUST, the University of Ottawa and Concordia University. JUST and the University of Ottawa extended for five years a 1987 agreement which entails the exchange of students in the field of telecommunications.

## YWCA Choir to set Christmas tone

By Jean-Claude Elias  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN (J.T.) — Faithful to their now well-established annual tradition, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Choir have prepared a beautiful programme of vocal works and Christmas carols to be presented on December 12-15 at Nabil Mashini theatre in Abdali.

Aside from their artistic skills, the YWCA Choir usually channel the true Christmas spirit into their concerts. Founder, spiritual leader of the ensemble and conductor for the past years, Karim Bawab is cooperating with musician Barbara Johnson to present this year's programme. Ms. Johnson conducted the Choir last year and will do it this year too. She is a well known musician and music

teacher in Amman's music circles and has been one of the Choir's most active members.

The Choir's selection for this year consists of the traditional "Angels we have Heard on High," "Carol of Christmas" by John Peter and "Praise Ye the name of the Lord" by Gordon Young. "Rise Up Shepherd and Follower" and "Laudamus" by Antonio Vivaldi.

## Arab conference highlights split between writer groups in Jordan

By Sa'eda Kilani  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Prominent writers in the Arab world are expected to attend the Eighteenth Arab Writers Conference for Arab writers and poets that will be held for the first time, in Amman between 12-19 December and organised by the Jordanian Writers Association (JWA).

This is the first time that 12 writers out of the 14 (members of the General Union of Arab Writers) attend the conference. "I Fakhri Ka'war, JWA's president and a deputy at the Lower House of Parliament, at a press conference Wednesday. "Except the Bahraini association, all expressed regret for its inability to take part in this year's conference, and Kuwait, from which we have not received any response until now, all other writers' associations promised to attend."

Under the slogan: "Amman, Capital of Arab Culture," the conference will include various cultural activities such as a seminar on the Arab culture and the relationship between culture and national changes, lectures

devoted to children's literatures, and a festival of poetry. Book exhibitions and trips through Jordan will also be included.

"We intend to include poetry recital sessions outside Amman, such as in Aqaba, Irbid and Tafleeh," said Mr. Ka'war who said that the association wishes to widen its scope of activities since most of the cultural activities normally take place in the capital or Jerash.

One Jordanian group which will not be participating in the conference in the Jordanian Writers Union (JWU) which consists of 160 writers and government officials. The JWU and the JWA have been at odds with each other for some time, each claiming legitimacy of representing Jordanian writers.

"We do not deny that there are prominent writers who are not members of the association," said Mr. Ka'war. "However, if men of

letters from JWU wish to participate they are welcome but as individuals since JWA is the association considered as the legitimate one."

The JWA was dissolved by a military order in 1986 because they took a stand against the government. They were replaced by a government group the JWA in early 1987. The JWA resumed its activities in 1989 by a decision issued by the then prime minister, Mudar Badran and became the legitimate representation of Jordanian writers.

"We do not intend in any way to consolidate the split between writers in Jordan," said Mr. Ka'war in an answer to a question raised by a participant on JWA's efforts to reconcile with the JWU which have so far failed.

"We have tried to attract them to be under one wing, that is the JWA's regulations, but such attempts have failed," he said.

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### The House's hasty decisions

THE LOWER House of Parliament is in the midst of debating the controversial draft law on press and publication with undue haste even though the proposed legislation constitutes the backbone of the entire democratisation process in the country. There is a sense of urgency associated with the adoption of the law since it has been submitted to Parliament quite a long time already. However, the urgent need for legislating the draft law into actual law must not compromise the equally urgent need to articulate and adopt a thoroughly debated and considered legislation that will govern freedom of the press and publication in the Kingdom for many decades to come.

There are several issues embodied in the draft legislation on which the government and the Law Committee of the House are at loggerheads. But some of these points were adopted with undue haste Wednesday. By way of example, the scope of Article 42 of the draft law touches on legal domains that are better dealt with by other existing laws. One particular area of concern is the banning of reports that "harm the dignity of individuals, their freedom and reputation." In all known jurisprudences, such matters are dealt with by the law on slander and defamation and not by the law on freedom of the press per se. Likewise, outlawing the publication of news items that "shake the confidence in the national currency," is a blanket attack on economic news analysis that has sweeping power to condemn even the most enlightened and beneficial appraisal of the state of the economy.

Most disturbing, however, is the part of Article 41 of the draft law that gives the director of the Press and Publications Department the arbitrary power to ban entry into the country of publications whose "circulation in the country harms public interest," without having to specify the reasons for so acting. The public has a right to be enlightened as to why the government has decided to keep out of circulation certain publications in order to keep abreast of its policy on such very critical matters. There is no credible reason why the concerned authority cannot offer explanations for its decision, especially in a climate of operational democracy as the one we are all desperately trying to promote in Jordan. The fact that such governmental decision can be contested in due course before the Higher Court of Justice would not offer an effective remedy since it would take much time to adjudicate such differences of opinion while it is completely legitimate to refrain from disclosing to the public the contents of the banned publication, it appears to be unjustifiable to make a ruling on keeping certain issues of foreign publications out of the public eyes without any questions being asked. Parliament would be better advised, therefore, to proceed diligently and carefully in its debate on this highly important law. Moving too fast in this direction threatens the responsible consideration of the new law.

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I called on the Palestinians to beware a strategy adopted by Israel in dealing with the occupied Arab territories and its Arab population, noting that Israel's foreign minister's declaration that Israel might pull out from the Gaza Strip could be a trap for the Palestinian uprising. Shimon Peres has hinted that Israel might pull out its troops from the occupied Gaza Strip leaving the Palestinian factions to fight one another and weaken the intifada, said the daily. The statement could be an indication that the Israeli leadership has reached a conclusion that leaving the Palestinians to handle their own affairs might trigger fraternal fighting that would weaken the uprising, a goal which Israel has tried to achieve for so long in vain, said the paper. It said that the Palestinian factions should beware such moves and be prepared for a pullout. The Palestinians, said the paper, should be ready to unite their ranks and handle their own affairs, thus proving to the Israelis that freedom can be a catalyst for unity rather than divisions. The paper said that the Palestinian resistance should abort all Israel's designs and prove that Palestinian unity is stronger than Zionist plots and that resistance and cohesion among the Palestinian factions can foil all conspiracies aimed at beating the Palestinian resistance throughout the occupied Arab territories. The paper said that the Gaza Strip, which has proved to be difficult for the Israelis to control, ought to set the example for the rest of the occupied Palestinian land in courage, unity and continued struggle for liberation.

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily accused the ministries of water and irrigation, agriculture and the Jordan Valley Authority of failing to live up to expectation by rallying to help a group damaged in the past winter and are facing a similar fate this year. The farmers of Al Khayouf, in the district of Al Aridah, in the Balqa region overlooking the valley were the victims of floods that inundated the valley in the past winter when they lost their crops, said Nabil. He said that the situation worsened when the authorities opened the gates of the dams for fear of destruction only to inundate Al Khayouf region with a vast lake that completely devastated what remained of crops and caused dangerous cracks in the farmers' nearby homes. The writer said that the farmers have not received any help or compensation from the government despite the tens of visits conducted by teams of concerned authorities to their region to study this area and the disaster that had befallen its inhabitants. To solve the problem, the concerned authorities ought to consider this district as a passage way for the surplus water in the dam, and offer the farmers sufficient compensation enabling them to move somewhere safer, suggested the writer.

## Journalists view denial of licence to Communist, Baath parties as an undemocratic move

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

SOMALIA, THE Palestinian intifada and the legalisation of political parties in Jordan were the focus of the local daily newspapers of the past week. Columnist Mohammad Kawash in Al Dustour said there was need to send in troops in Somalia to end the fighting there, but they should have been U.N. troops, comprising forces from Asian, African, European and American nations and not Americans alone.

The writer said that although the world community was right in contemplating ways to come to the help of the Somali people, the Arabs are afraid that the American forces' presence might help the factions that support the ousted President Siad Barre to return to power and maintain the chaos that prevailed before the civil war.

The intervention of the United Nations and foreign forces in Somalia underlines the failure of the Arab and Islamic countries to come to the aid of their brothers starving or killing one another, said Nabil Sharif, a columnist in Al Dustour.

The foreign intervention proved once again that there can be no hope of the Arab League's coming to the assistance of one of its member states whose people have suffered for so long without receiving meaningful help, said the writer.

Saleh Al Qallab, a columnist in Al Dustour, accused the Americans of invading the Horn of Africa through Somalia. The writer said that the Americans' move was designed to complete the siege of the oil-rich Arab zone in the Middle East region and to ensure the continued divisions of the Arab World.

His views were echoed by Al Ra'i Arabic daily which said in an editorial that the Americans going to Somalia had their eyes on Sudan and other parts of the Arab World.

The paper said it was not reasonable to believe that the monster which caused destruction to Iraq and is causing sufferings to the Palestinian people has turned into a Father

Christmas bringing in gifts of food to the starving people of Somalia.

Now that the Americans are in Somalia, they are expected to stay there for a long time to come, said Tareq Masarweh in Al Ra'i daily. No one would believe the U.S. president's announcement that the troops will pull out once democracy has been established in Somalia and no one can believe that the American occupation of Somalia was aimed at ensuring the arrival of food supplies to the starving people, he said.

With this occupation, the writer noted, the Red Sea is no longer an Arab sea but rather an American sea, with U.S. bases in the Horn of Africa and in the Arabian Peninsula.

Sawt Al Shaab said that the employment of such big forces means that the United States harbours evil intentions against neighbouring Sudan. The paper said in an editorial that the Americans are now poised to launch a military aggression on Sudan under the pretext that the country has violated human rights in the southern regions where a separatist rebellion is in progress.

Two columnists in Al Ra'i daily said that the world community had to act and save the lives of millions of starving Somalis because the Arab and Islamic countries failed to extend a helping hand.

Hosni Ayyesh and Sultan Al Hattab said that the Arabs and Muslims just watched the Somali women and children dying without lifting a finger to help them and they had plenty of time to do something before the arrival of the foreign forces. The two columnists decried the Islamic and Arab stand with regard to Somalia, noting that while in the Gulf crisis then was no time for containing the situation, the Arabs had watched the Somalis die for months, and therefore, they are not justified now by issuing condemnation of American and other foreign forces landing in the Arab land.

Their views were backed by Mahmoud Al Rimawi in Al Ra'i daily who said that foreign

forces' intervention was inevitable in view of the tragedy in Somalia and the failure of Arab and Islamic countries to provide help. The writer said that in view of its status as a superpower, it was natural for the United States to play the leading role in such an intervention.

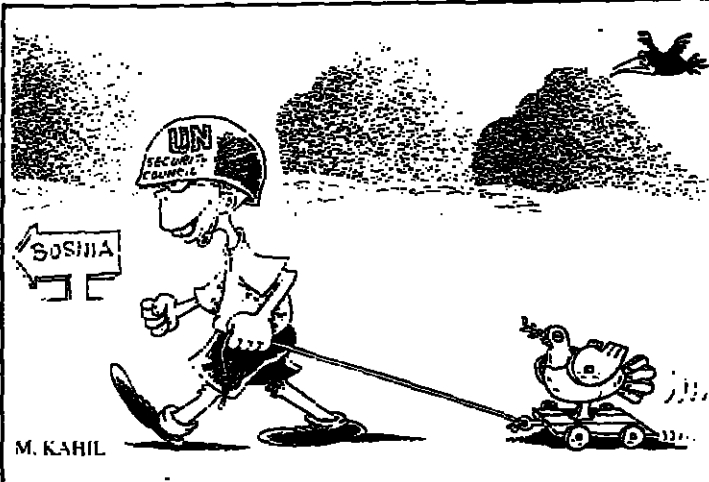
Turning to the Palestinian uprising, which has entered its sixth year now, a writer in Sawt Al Shaab said that the Palestinians fighting for their freedom deserve all forms of moral and material support from their Arab brothers.

He said that in Jordan, the Popular Committee for Sup-

port of the Intifada has been acting on behalf of the Jordanian people, raising contributions for the bereaved families and providing help to the families of the detained prisoners. He said this was a humanitarian and national duty for the Arab people.

Sawt Al Shaab daily said that despite the ongoing peace process, the Palestinians have no alternative but to pursue their uprising against occupation. While holding an olive branch in one hand, the Palestinians continue to hold on to their weapons in the other in order to ensure the return of their rights and their homelands, the paper said.

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Palestinian participation in the peace process was one aspect of the ongoing uprising in the face of occupation.

The writer said that while Hamas and the PLO-affiliated groups continue their resistance in the occupied lands, the representatives of the Palestinian people are struggling through dialogue to ensure the people's legitimate rights. He said that the dialogue and the resistance complement one another in the common struggle for liberation.

Sawt Al Shaab daily described the current eight round of peace talks in the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations as futile as the previous one in view of the intransigence of the Israeli negotiators and the lack

of will on the part of the U.S. administration to end the Israeli obstinacy.

The U.S. administration, which sent 28,000 troops to Somalia under the pretext of helping its people to live in peace and to end the sufferings of women and children, is allowing the Israelis to pursue their repression against the Palestinian women and children and condoning the Israeli intransigence at the peace negotiations.

Through the ongoing negotiations, the Israelis are clearly aiming at achieving peace at the expense of Arab dignity and capitulation without returning an inch of land occupied since 1967, said Abdul Rahim Omar in Al Ra'i.

The writer said that the Israelis want the Palestinian delegation to accept their proposals on self-administration under the Israeli flag without having any say regarding their destiny.

He said that by offering unacceptable bids, the Israelis are trying to project themselves as peace lovers and the Palestinians as rejectionists of peace.

A columnist in Sawt Al Shaab attacked the Arab and Islamic countries which met in Saudi Arabia in the past week without taking a meaningful decision to save the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

These countries offered these people lip service by merely expressing condemnation of the Serbs and not deciding on a plan to offer food to the oppressed people or meaningful pressure on the world community to interfere.

Aratf Hijazi said that the Jeddah meeting ignored the cries of the starving people of Somalia and those of Palestine and Iraq. He said that the conference was like placing the cart before the horse and refraining from taking any move to address the situation in either of these countries.

Another columnist in Sawt Al Shaab came out against the same conference which, he said, had only issued statements that can help no one. Samir Qitami said that the

call to provide the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina with a futile lip service oppressed people's awaiting meaningful action in the Muslim and Arab world which have failed to do to their kinsmen in Palestine and Lebanon.

Turning to domestic formation of political parties in Jordan.

Faisal Shboul, critic minister of interior, legalising the Communist Baath parties. A columnist, who writes for Shboul, said that the like other people, is responsible for this decision and there are democratic means to such decision.

Tareq Masarweh, columnist in Al Ra'i, said that for the interior minister to find people in his decision to deny parties licence. The writer said that such a decision is contradicting the provision Constitution.

He said that the law should be legalised, but they prove to be to sabotage the nation's legal measures and law with such behaviour.

His views were echoed by Fadi Al Fakhri, a columnist in Al Ra'i who, in his belief, the minister interpreted the law on parties; hence his decision to reject the law for licence.

The writer said that these two parties similar names elsewhere Arab World does the decision to deprive the licence.

In the view of Ali Udwan, a columnist in tour, depriving the two of licence, can only the nationalist-leftist move the country into further sion. The writer said Interior Ministry's decision in the face of the ist movement, prevail from meaningful action political arena of the

## Asylum deal could give Bonn initiative against far right

By Tom Heneghan  
Reuter

BONN — Germany's hard-fought compromise on immigration, an all-party agreement reached only after neo-Nazi terror had claimed 17 lives this year, could mark a turning point in Bonn's fight against the resurgent extreme right.

Linked with recent bans on racist parties and tough police moves against firebombers, the deal to stem a mounting tide of asylum-seekers showed Bonn was finally ready to act rather than just debate reforms endlessly, politicians and diplomats said.

Many details remain to be worked out between Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right government and opposition Social Democrats (SPD) and the immigration wave, due to peak at over 400,000 this year, may take months before it starts to recede. But the key is probably the simple fact that leaders have taken the initiative after months

of neo-Nazi violence and galloping public discontent with all elected leaders.

"We had to reach a compromise," Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger said after the main parties agreed to crack down on abuse of Bonn's liberal asylum law.

"The public could not understand this any more," she said of more than a year of bitter wrangling that paralysed Bonn and encouraged extremists to take the law into their own hands.

A senior European diplomat said the tide could now be turning against the extreme right, which exploited widespread concern over the asylum issue to call for racist policies that few Germans actually support.

"This could be the turning point," he declared. "All this hair-splitting over exactly how to deal with this flood of foreigners has been a sideshow. They must act, and soon."

Under the new deal, asylum-seekers can be turned away if

they have already been in another Western European country or come from states judged free of political persecution.

The government's growing determination to act is matched by a shift in public opinion away from what looked like a growing trend towards racist thinking here.

The news magazine Der Spiegel has said the percentage of Germans who agreed with the neo-Nazi call "foreigners out" dropped from 27 to 15 per cent in November.

The turnaround came after racist firebombers killed three Turks in Moelln last month, a murder that shocked politicians and private citizens into action. In an impressive show of the

silent majority voicing its concerns, over 300,000 people have held a candle-light protest against racism in Munich.

During the drawn-out fight over asylum, Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) succeeded in nearly tearing the SPD apart by forcing it to give up the broad asylum guarantee leftists see as a moral duty after the Nazis drove many Germans into exile.

But the heated debate about foreigners fed such popular resentment against them that townspeople sometimes applauded neo-Nazis and skinheads for firebombing asylum-seekers' hostels.

The lame response from stunned politicians and police left the way open for increasingly shock-

ing neo-Nazi violence against gypsies and Jewish cemeteries and memorials.

During the months of indecision, discontent with Bonn's weak leadership rose so high that some Jews talked about taking up arms because the state could not defend them.

Grass-roots groups against racism, like the one that organised Munich's candle-light protest, deliberately kept the discredited lawmakers out of their plans.

German companies, worried about boycotts of their products as Germany's image worsened abroad, openly condemned racist violence.

Only after the Moelln murders did Bonn respond vigorously.

The federal prosecutor over the investigation for time, the first ban on a Party was imposed by B the much-criticised police catching firebombers.

"For months the only came up with diagnoses of what the problem...but did not act," Kiehlner, editor-in-chief Rheinischer Merkur was last week about the bad to the right-wing violence.

"This excessive analysis bined with a minimal willingness to do anything...where they moved in and took the 'their own hands'."

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## 2 Palestinians, Israeli killed

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"After the fire was put out, the policemen entered, believing the Palestinian to be dead. The Palestinian... then opened fire, killing the policeman and wounding three others before he was shot dead," an army spokesman said.

virtually destroyed in the incident.

The army spokesman said Barame was wanted for the killing earlier this year of an Israeli and the wounding of another.

The policeman, Sergeant-Major Sasson Mordoch, 30, was the fourth member of the Israeli security forces killed during the past few days.

On Monday, unknown assailants shot dead three Israeli

soldiers in the occupied Gaza Strip to mark this week's anniversary of the Palestinian revolt against Israeli rule.

Barame's and Seder's deaths brought the toll of Palestinians killed by Israelis in the revolt to 969 — 123 this year.

The death of the paramilitary policeman raised to 107 the number of Israelis killed in the conflict.

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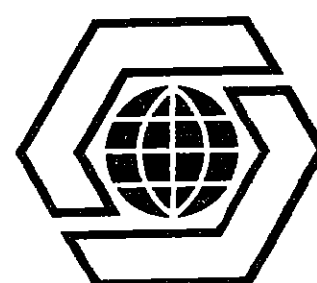
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Al Faisali



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## Al Faisali win Jordan Cup to add to '92 League and Shield titles

### Wihdat draw with Qadissieh, finish second

By Aileen Bannayan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Al Faisali beat Al Ahli 3-1 to win their sixth Jordan Cup title, while Al Wihdat drew 1-1 with Al Qadissieh Friday to capture second place and a chance to play Al Faisali in the Cup Winner's Cup at the opening

of the 1993 soccer season.

Al Wihdat's Marwan Al Shamali and Al Qadissieh's Mustafa Adam scored their team's only goals in the first half.

Although missing some key players like Jihad Abdul Munem, Yusef Al Amouri and Yusef Al Shamari due to injury or suspension, Al Wihdat lost many

definite chances to score a second goal. They later lost the efforts of Hisham Abdul Munem, who was injured towards the end of the second half.

Despite the draw Al Wihdat clinched second place on goal difference as they tied with Al Ahli in the overall standings.

In an earlier match Al Faisali

beat Al Ahli 3-1 to add the season's Jordan Cup title to their Premier League and Federation Shield trophies.

Imad Fataftah scored for Al Ahli but Jiryes Tadros soon equalised for Al Faisali and later scored his team's second goal by a penalty. Mousa Awad added Al Faisali's third goal.

## JBF board resigns

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — All members of the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF) will Saturday submit their resignations to Minister of Youth Saleh Irshaidat, three days after JBF President Awad Haddad decided to quit the three-month old board.

The resignation of the federation members comes as quite a surprise and setback to basketball teams, as the recently reshuffled JBF had undertaken a plan to reinvigorate the long inactive national teams.

The federation, which was formed in October, had promised to regroup the men's, youth's and women's national teams and closely monitor their progress and training to prepare them for upcoming regional championships.

Under its short-lived plan, the federation had organised the under-22 competition and a women's tournament, while the first and second division basketball championships are currently underway.

The JBF board, whose resignation will be effective Dec. 31, includes eight members appointed by the minister of youth. They are: Awad Haddad, Abdullah Al Kiswani, Ghaleb Balawi, Ali Bilbeisi, Elie Bannayan, Suha Adee, Qasem Al Abed, and Fayez Abu Aridah. Representatives of the top two first division teams: Al Ahli and Al Orthodoxi, and the second division winner Al Abbasi also sit on the board.

Informed sources told the Jordan Times that the mass resignation of the JBF members was motivated by "personal reasons" related to Mr. Haddad's departure from the board. Board members declined comment on their "surprise decision," but said a full account of the situation will be provided this week.

### SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Real Madrid keep 100 per cent record in Eurobasketball

LONDON (R) — Real Madrid swept to an easy win in the men's European Clubs' basketball championship to keep their 100 per cent record at the head of Group B. The Spaniards beat Orthez of France 85-71, consolidating a handsome 50-24 halftime lead. Cargol was top scorer for Real with 22 points and the Spanish team have now won their first five games. Benetton Treviso kept up the pressure with an excellent 82-80 win away to Bayer Leverkusen in Germany. The Italians have nine points, one off the lead. Italian spirits are also high in Group A. Scavolini Persaro are at the top of the group after leaders Cibona Zagreb suffered their second reverse, crashing 83-52 in France to Limoges, who lifted themselves off the bottom of the table.

#### Civil servant named to manage 1998 World Cup

PARIS (R) — Jacques Lambert, a 44-year-old senior civil servant, was named as director general of soccer's 1998 World Cup organising committee. Lambert, security adviser in French Prime Minister Pierre Berégovoy's cabinet, was also involved in the organisation of this year's Winter Olympics, as prefect of the Savoie region. France was awarded the 1998 World Cup finals in July and former soccer star Michel Platini and ex-football federation leader Fernand Sastre were last month named as joint presidents of the organising committee.

#### Juventus romp into UEFA Cup quarter-finals

TURIN (R) — Juventus bounced back after recent Italian League defeats by Fiorentina and AC Milan to romp into the UEFA Cup quarter-finals. The Turin team thrashed Czechoslovakia Sigma Olomouc 5-0 in their third-round second-leg match for a 7-1 aggregate success. Juventus took the lead after only six minutes when striker Gianluca Vialli smashed home a 30-metre drive which gave Olomouc goalkeeper Lubos Prybil no chance. Vialli's attacking partner Pier Luigi Casiraghi underlined Juventus' dominance when working an effective one-two with Paolo Di Canio before scoring the second goal. Directly after halftime, German Andreas Moeller, in tandem with Casiraghi, beat Olomouc's defence on the counter attack to make it 3-0. Four minutes later, Moeller knocked in a swinging free kick for Vialli to head home powerfully while substitute Fabrizio Ravanelli made the most of a bad goalkeeping error to fire the fifth goal in the 69th minute.

## McEnroe loses in final major tournament

MUNICH (R) — True to his fiery character, John McEnroe raged and raged until the light finally died on his singles career.

The 33-year-old American bowed out in a 3-6 6-4 6-2 defeat by Croatian Goran Ivanisevic in the quarter-finals of the Grand Slam Cup.

McEnroe's last appearance in a major singles tournament produced all the ranting and raving that has infuriated yet fascinated tennis followers for the last 15 years.

He was given a code violation after arguing with the umpire.

But at the same time the match contained some of the American's sublime serve-and-volley tennis which influenced the belief of some observers that he went close to being one of the best tennis players of all time.

It was fitting the Munich contest should epitomise both the appealing and the unappealing characteristics of a man who has rarely been out of the spotlight since he first started playing the professional circuit in 1977.

Tennis has lost one of its biggest characters, leaving the public with contrasting memories.

Those who only occasionally watch the game will remember him mainly for his outbursts on court, one of which caused him to be thrown out of the 1990 Australian Open.

The tennis connoisseurs, however, will treasure the memory of his superb touch at the net

and brilliant passing shots. Ultimately, McEnroe realised he could not sustain his high standards for a complete year any more. Yet the American has no intention of slipping down the rankings into obscurity.

"I am not going to fall off the face of the earth but at the same time, I don't see myself playing," he said after the match.

McEnroe can reflect on a career which reached a climax in 1984 when he produced some peerless tennis to lift his third Wimbledon title and a fourth U.S. Open crown.

McEnroe let Jimmy Connors take just four games with an almost perfect performance on grass in the Wimbledon final. He would have completed an historic year if he had managed to beat Ivan Lendl in the French Open final.

While he refused to announce his retirement officially, the New Yorker, who has remained big news recently because of marital problems with his actress wife Tatum O'Neal, is now expected to play only exhibition tournaments and some doubles.

"I proved what I wanted this year, that I was capable of beating the top players on a given day. I also felt that I didn't do it consistently, so because of that I feel comfortable with the decision (to retire)."

"At the same time it was a difficult one to make."

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**GOREN BRIDGE**

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**WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ**

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AKJ64 ♣92 ♦J73 ♠83  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
3 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?  
What action do you take?

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AKJ6 ♣85 ♦Q96 ♠2 ♠52  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠AQ98742 ♣AJ5 ♦73 ♠6  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠KQ10543 ♣Q10 ♠6 ♠QJ103  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

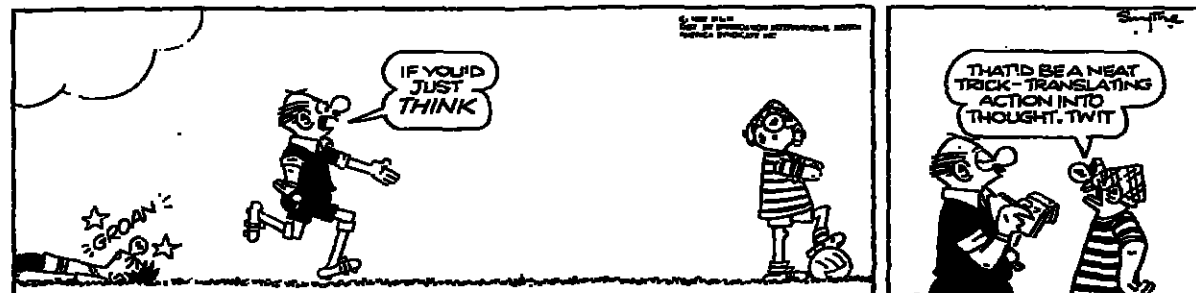
Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠KQ1076 ♣QJ9 ♦KQJ5 ♠83  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠83 ♣KQJ6 ♦AQJ83 ♠62  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
3 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

### Peanuts



### Andy Capp



### Mutt'n'Jeff



### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY DECEMBER 12, 1992  
By Thomas S. Pearson, Astrologer, Carol Righter Fount

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** You feel magnetic today and others will gladly go along with your special ideas and views if you show that you have tact and possess a good sense of humor that is capable of self laughter.

**ARIES:** (March 21 to April 19) Gain the progress you desire today by getting at those various activities that wait your attention with more understanding of all the factors involved.

**TAURUS:** (April 20 to May 20) A day to concentrate upon obtaining your chosen aims by adopting a new stance for by so doing you put more spirit into projects that are somewhat difficult.

**GEMINI:** (May 21 to June 21) Proceed cautiously now with anything of an outside vocational nature and let those of influence see you are a very conscientious person.

**MOON CHILDREN:** (June 22 to July 21) You would be wise to schedule your time today so that you can rightly attend to both some restricting condition and also do outside business.

**LEO:** (July 22 to August 21) A situation with an acquaintance over a money matter could lead to some harsh words if allowed to come into the open; so keep mum about it.

**VERGO:** (August 22 to September 22) It is not the time to reconcile a

difference of opinion between partner and one of considerable prominence in the outside world be tactful.

**LIBRA:** (September 23 to October 22) You can get much done at your usual pace if you keep your attention there instead of trying to get a new appeal.

**SCORPIO:** (October 23 to November 21) You and your aims are apt to have different about the entertainment in you wish to engage but each a time suitable to the day.

**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 22 to December 21) If you want a person you like into your today you will have to get a member to do at about tensions would run high.

**CAPRICORN:** (December 22 to January 19) Put off things adding more chaos to your roundings as you wish have made the calls and get reports awaiting your attention.

**AQUARIUS:** (January 20 to February 19) Do something of a nature to show those of you are particularly fond isn't necessary to overstep so to please them.

**PISCES:** (February 20 to March 20) Put your effort and now on getting the things to wish and don't let a member up your time and keep you doing.

### THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



"What's so romantic about candlelight? The shadows make you look like Bela Lugosi!"

### JUMBLE

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Answer: With all his faults he had a clear conscience due to this—A POOR MEMORY

(Answers tomorrow)

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## Financial Markets

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Deutsche Mark	9.06	8.77	8.43	7.81
Swiss Franc	6.25	6.25	6.00	5.75
French Franc	10.50	10.50	9.75	9.12
Japanese Yen	3.84	3.71	3.65	3.59
European Currency Unit	11.12	10.75	10.06	9.16

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**Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin** Date: 10/12/92

Currency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dollar	0.687	0.689
Sterling Pound	1.0756	1.0810
Deutsche Mark	0.4367	0.4389
Swiss Franc	0.4670	0.4694
French Franc	0.1280	0.1286
Japanese Yen	0.5531	0.5559
Dutch Guilder	0.3689	0.3708
Swedish Krona	0.1012	0.1017
Italian Lira	0.0493	0.0495
Belgian Franc	0.02123	0.02134

**Other Currencies** Date: 10/12/92

Currency	Bid	Offer
Bahraini Dinar	1.7970	1.8200
Lebanese Lira	0.03615	0.03825
Saudi Riyal	0.1829	0.1840
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.2850	2.3000
Qatari Riyal	0.1861	0.1872
Egyptian Pound	0.2020	0.2150
Omani Riyal	1.7560	1.7820
UAE Dirham	0.1861	0.1879
Greek Drachma	0.3315	0.3415
Cypriot Pound	1.4565	1.4765

**CAR Indices for Amman Financial Markets**

Index	8/12/92	Close	9/12/92	Close
All-Share	166.77		166.04	
Banking Sector	119.75		119.65	
Insurance Sector	183.51		182.92	
Industry Sector	228.83		227.21	
Services Sector	237.10		235.62	

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**LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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One U.S. dollar	1.2723/28											
	1.5810/20											
	1.7730/80											
	1.4100/10											
	32.50/54											
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	6.8170/270											
	6.8000/500											
	6.1400/508											
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# Amman is the most expensive Arab city

GENEVA (AP) — The Japanese cities of Tokyo and Osaka remain by far the most expensive in dollar terms, according to a survey published Thursday.

However, currency realignments have benefited expatriates in Europe, with cities in Sweden, Finland, Britain, Italy and Spain cheaper than six months ago.

The survey of 99 cities is published twice a year by a Geneva-based private consultancy, Corporate Resources Group. It is based on a basket of 151 products including food, clothing and transport, but not accommodation. New York is used as a base of 100.

The survey showed Tokyo to have an index of 183, followed by Osaka on 171. At the other end of the scale, the Colombian capital Bogota is cheapest on 67.

Libreville in Gabon and Brazzaville in the Congo rank third and fourth on 139 and 138. Three other cities in Francophone Africa are in the top 10, mainly because of the strength of the French franc, according to the survey.

West European countries are still generally more expensive than the United States. However, in dollar terms the cost of living in the Swedish capital Stockholm which used to be the most expen-

sive European city — has fallen 13.2 per cent in the past six months because of currency devaluations. London and Helsinki are eight per cent cheaper than last May, the survey said.

The Norwegian capital Oslo is now top of the list in Europe with a rating of 137. Paris is 5 per cent more expensive than May with an index of 119.

Cities in Latin America are cheaper than New York, with the one exception of the Argentinian capital Buenos Aires, which has an index of 127.

In Asia, the Taiwanese capital Taipei, with a ranking of 130, is the costliest after the two Japanese cities. Seoul follows with 118.

The survey was updated to reflect price and currency changes valid on Dec. 7.

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## Egypt's Sumed company plans long-term oil storage

SIDI KREIR, Egypt (R) — Egypt's Sumed Oil Pipeline Company, with an eye to markets in southern Europe, plans to boost long-term storage of Saudi and Iranian crudes, its chairman has said.

Mohammad Mae'bed said options under consideration would boost commercial storage at the company's two terminals to up to nine million barrels from the 2.4 million currently held in four storage tanks.

Sumed's owners, who include Saudi Arabia, had approved the project in principle and the company was negotiating with U.S. contractor Bechtel over a detailed feasibility study, he told Reuters in an interview.

"Floating storage is the target, we can substitute for it," he said, adding that work would begin in early 1994.

Mr. Mae'bed is chairman of Sumed and its parent, the Arab Petroleum Pipeline Company (APPC).

Egypt has a 50 per cent stake in APPC which runs Sumed and receives 85 per cent of the profits. The other 50 per cent is owned by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Saudi Arabia and Iran, two of Sumed's main customers, have expressed interest in building up long-term land storage close to Europe and the Far East to protect against political upheaval in the Gulf and to take advantage of price swings.

During the Gulf crisis, the two were prime movers in building up storage in floating tankers to record levels of nearly 70 million barrels. But this is relatively expensive and has dropped back to less than 40 million barrels.

Mr. Mae'bed said initial studies showed long-term oil storage in southern Europe was currently only about three million tonnes (about 22 million barrels) compared to 10 million tonnes (about 73 million barrels) in northern Europe. Consumption in the two areas was nearly the same, he added.

Sumed — short for Suez-Mediterranean — carries oil in a 320-kilometre pipeline across Egypt between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean. Tankers which are too big to go through the Suez Canal unload cargoes into the pipeline at Ain Sukhna on the Red Sea. Other tankers then pick up the oil at Sidi Kreir.

Mr. Mae'bed said about 35 per cent of Sumed's throughput, or nearly 600,000 barrels of oil a day, was crude oil from Iran. A political crisis between Egypt and Iran had not affected business, he added.

"We are a commercial company, the government does not involve itself," he said.

Saudi Arabian crudes account for about 60 per cent of throughput and the remainder is made up of Egyptian oil to be refined in Alexandria for internal use and minute amounts of other Gulf crudes.

Mr. Mae'bed said a tailback at Ain Sukhna since November had been reduced to a normal waiting list of five Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC)-class tankers. Up to 13 VLCCs had been stuck at Ain Sukhna at the height of the tailback, pushing tanker rates up in the markets.

Mr. Mae'bed declined to give profit figures for the pipeline, saying only he expected level profits in 1992 compared to 1991.

## Study sees inflation rising in China in '93

PEKING (R) — China's inflation rate, the caged tiger of the economic reform drive, is likely to rise next year as more state controls fall away and local authorities pump cash into the economy, an academic study has said.

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences said retail prices would jump by between 6.5 and seven per cent nationwide next year compared with five per cent in 1992.

Consumer price inflation for urban residents will rise to between 11 and 12 per cent against about nine per cent this year, it said.

Diplomats say China's official statistics for inflation, a major fear for communist leaders seeking to maintain stability at all costs, are generally too low.

China's last experience with galloping inflation in the late 1980s led to precipitous price rises in major cities.

A three-year austerity programme pulled inflation back under control, but senior leader Deng Xiaoping's new campaign for accelerated market-style reforms this year has sent the economy back into overdrive.

The study attributed the rise in inflationary pressure next year to the removal of central price controls on some commodities as well as a rush of new capital investment.

## Japan business confidence slumps

TOKYO (R) — Japanese corporate confidence plummeted new depths in November, falling to its lowest level since 1975 when the economy was hit by the shock of soaring oil prices, a report by Japan's central bank showed Friday.

Major companies surveyed for the quarterly report said they planned to cut spending on plant and equipment by 4.7 per cent in the year ending March 31, 1993. That contrasts with a 7.7 per cent rise in such spending in 1991/92 and was a larger drop than companies had said they planned last August.

The Bank of Japan's survey showed that one key gauge of business sentiment, the so-called diffusion index for manufacturers, fell to minus 44 in November from minus 37 in August.

The survey, known as the "tankan," is a key factor in determining central bank monetary policy.

Financial markets have speculated that a particularly gloomy tankan would encourage the Bank of Japan to cut its official discount rate either this month or early next year.

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# Russian deputies deal a blow to Yeltsin over referendum

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Russian parliamentary deputies hit back at President Boris Yeltsin Friday, voting to block his move for a referendum to dissolve the country's top legislature.

The conservative Congress of People's Deputies adopted an amendment to the referendum law explicitly banning any plebiscite that would result in the dissolution of a high state body, including the congress itself and the presidency.

The amendment was rejected on a first vote, but approved in a second poll following technical objections from deputies.

It was pressed strongly by parliamentary Chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov, central figure in the power struggle between parliament and Mr. Yeltsin.

It was not immediately clear what implications the move would have for compromise talks planned for later between Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Khasbulatov.

It seemed to suggest a hardening of attitudes after talk of compromise early Friday.

Mr. Yeltsin raised a storm in the congress Thursday by calling for a referendum intended to dissolve the legislature that has been a focus of resistance to his brand of radical economic reform.

A senior parliamentary aide said earlier Friday that the 61-year-old president could ditch his closest aide, Gennadiy Burbulis, and would consider sacking Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev under a compromise deal.

Foreign Affairs Committee head Yevgeny Ambartsumov, speaking after meeting Mr. Yeltsin to discuss the crisis, told reporters the Russian leader might also drop his proposal for a referendum.

"Both sides have made compromises. The path towards confrontation is unacceptable to society," he later told Russian Television News.

In return Mr. Yeltsin wanted to keep radical Acting Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar for another six months. The congress rejected Mr. Gaidar's nomination as premier Wednesday.

Mr. Yeltsin's official spokesman accuse Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi Friday of disloyalty and overstepping his powers and said a gap was opening up between the two leaders.

Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov said in a statement Mr. Rutskoi "had substantially gone beyond his constitutional prerogatives" at a meeting of Russia's top legislature.

"What is emerging is a 'progressive distancing' from the president on the part of A. Rutskoi," Mr. Kostikov said in the statement published by ITAR-TASS News Agency.

Mr. Rutskoi attacked Mr. Yeltsin's economic policy at a session of Russia's top legislature Thursday and condemned the president's call for a referendum on the future of the conservative congress.

The attack was one of the most open yet by Mr. Yeltsin on his one-time political ally.

The statement reminded Mr. Rutskoi, an Afghan war hero who leads one of the larger parties in Russia, that he and the president were elected in the 1991 election on a common platform.

"By way of clarification, it should be recalled that Yeltsin empowered Rutskoi to handle matters of agriculture," the statement said.

Mr. Yeltsin appointed Mr. Rutskoi as agricultural specialist earlier this year after the vice-president made a series of attacks on Mr. Yeltsin's radical reforming government.

The power struggle between Mr. Yeltsin and the congress intensified this week when lawmakers refused to confirm Mr. Gaidar as prime minister. Mr. Yeltsin said he would keep Mr. Gaidar — the architect of Russia's free-market reforms — as acting prime minister, the post he has held for six months.

Last week, the congress failed to amend the constitution to seize more power from the executive branch.

Mr. Khasbulatov opened the afternoon parliamentary session by saying a scheduled meeting with Mr. Yeltsin did not take place.

"There have been meetings and talks. Unfortunately, they have not been so speedy or efficient as we wished," Mr. Khasbulatov said. "Now we'll have to wait some more until (the president) wishes to meet with me."

"Maybe somebody expects that congress will get tired and recess," Mr. Khasbulatov said, chiding Mr. Yeltsin. "It's a well known trick."

A deputy who met separately with Mr. Yeltsin said the president was prepared to compromise. But reports and rumours of different compromise proposals filtered through the halls of the Kremlin all afternoon.

Deputy Speaker Yuri Yarov told deputies Friday that he and Mr. Yeltsin had an "open, constructive" discussion earlier in the day and the president agreed to meet Mr. Khasbulatov.

A draft statement signed by both Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Khasbulatov that urged differences between the legislative and executive branches be settled "by constitutional means" was then passed by the congress on a vote of 806-12.

The statement also urged all Russians "to refrain from any political actions connected with violence and confrontation in society, to reject all mass actions violating public order which can entail strikes and incite violence."

Mr. Yeltsin also met with a faction of pro reform deputies in the congress and told them "he is ready for compromise," said Viktor Sheinis, one of the deputies.

Mr. Sheinis told reporters that Mr. Yeltsin is ready to withdraw his proposal of a referendum if hardline lawmakers confirm Mr. Gaidar as prime minister and agree to give up their attempts to take over more powers from the executive branch.

But Mr. Sheinis also said that Mr. Yeltsin believed that the Russian people would back him over the congress if it came to a showdown at the ballot box.

Followed a visit to an auto factory in Moscow Thursday, "he once again became convinced that he had stronger popular support than the congress," Mr. Sheinis said.



Muslim and Sikh MPs from opposition parties march in New Delhi to protest against the destruction of the mosque in Ayodhya by Hindu militants (AFP photo)

## Indian religious carnage past the worst — Rao

NEW DELHI (R) — Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said Friday the worst was over following five days of nationwide Hindu-Muslim violence in which about 1,000 people were killed.

"We have a crisis, a situation of grave danger to the country," Mr. Rao told his first news conference since militant Hindus tore down a mosque in the northern town of Ayodhya Sunday, igniting sectarian carnage which few parts of India escaped.

"But I would say that the worst part of it is behind us," Mr. Rao said. "It is only a matter of days before we come back to normal."

He spoke as Muslims, outraged by the destruction of a 16th century mosque that had come to symbolise India's commitment to secularism, headed for Friday prayers.

Government officials were holding their breath, fearing fiery sermons could fan the flames.

"Friday is an anxious day for us," a senior official said. "If the country remains peaceful, we've come over the bend."

Officials and the Press Trust of India put the toll from the five days of violence at about 1,000, including 14 deaths Friday.

A government spokesman said more army troops were flown to the worst-hit areas in case of more trouble. Truckloads of troops moved throughout Bombay, India's commercial capital and among the worst hit with 191 deaths in five days of strife.

The army was deployed in Calcutta. India's largest city of 12 million people has been largely free of sectarian violence in recent years but is now entirely under curfew. Troops were ordered to shoot rioters on sight.

Mr. Rao has been widely criticised for failing to act against the Hindu revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and fundamentalist allies who spearheaded a drive to build a temple on the site of the razed mosque.

Late Thursday Mr. Rao struck back, banning three Hindu and two Muslim groups for promoting "disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred, ill-will between different religious."

They included two key groups linked with the BJP, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), which has powered the rise of Hindu nationalism, and the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP, or World Hindu Council).

The government said they incited the Hindu mob to destroy the mosque at Ayodhya in northern Uttar Pradesh state and helped foment the orgy of religious violence which followed.

The VHP was the official organiser of a campaign to replace the mosque with a temple on what Hindus insist was the birthplace of Hindumism's legendary warriorking, Lord Rama.

Mr. Rao said the BJP government of Uttar Pradesh was entirely to blame for the mosque's destruction, saying law and order was its constitutional responsibility.

Mr. Rao said that once it was clear the Ayodhya situation was out of control, he dismissed the state government.

He brushed off criticism that the assembly of 200,000 frenzied Hindus at the mosque, many of them carrying picks and shovels, was a clear sign the mosque was to be destroyed.

Mr. Rao said thousands of federal paramilitary troops were sent to the area and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh was urged repeatedly to use them.

"Everything that needed to be done to persuade him to act was done," he said. "He deliberately did not use these forces. In fact he grumbled that they were there."

He predicted that popular support for the BJP, which rose swiftly from the political fringes to become the official parliamentary opposition on the back of the Rama Temple campaign, would suffer from the demolition.

"I don't believe the BJP can get any political benefit out of it. In fact, they have overplayed their hand. They have overreached themselves. They have been shown as people with scant respect for the constitution," he said.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said Thursday his government would rebuild Hindu temples damaged by angry Muslims this week in revenge for the razing of the mosque by Hindu revivalists in India.

"We must condemn acts of violence in retaliation for the demolition of the Babri Mosque," Mr. Sharif told reporters.

## Woerner: NATO is ready for Yugoslavia action

BRUSSELS (R) — NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner said Friday the alliance would do "what is necessary" if the United Nations ordered action to try and end the bloodshed in former Yugoslavia.

Mr. Woerner was asked at a news conference at the end of a meeting of NATO defence ministers in Brussels whether the alliance would be ready to take action over the worsening conflict.

"I have no doubt that, if asked by the United Nations, the alliance would do what is necessary," he replied.

He said any action would need the agreement of all 16 North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) members.

In an earlier interview with Germany's Deutschlandfunk Radio, Mr. Woerner said NATO was ready to send peace-making troops to Bosnia if asked to do so by the world body.

"NATO will not let down the United Nations if it makes such a request. There is a general readiness to stand by the United Nations if it needs our assistance," Mr. Woerner said.

He told the radio any alliance troops entering Bosnia would have to protect the 20,000 lightly-armed U.N. peacekeepers already there.

"NATO has given preliminary consideration to (a Bosnian role), it has made certain preparations. I don't want to go into details," the former West German defence minister said.

Meanwhile, embattled Sarajevo, weakened by the latest Serb onslaught, was hit hard by the first serious attack of winter Friday with temperatures hovering just above zero and without power or water.

The hungry inhabitants lacked water, electricity and telephones, and a United Nations spokesman said the latest fighting had largely destroyed months of repair work.

"I just got out of hospital — I was wounded by a grenade. It is very difficult without water and electricity," said Kosa, a 72-year-old woman.

Two flights by the U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR), intended as a test of airport security ahead of the resumption of the U.N. airlift, were delayed by fog.

In Zagreb, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said aid flights, halted for the past 11 days by the fighting and attacks on two relief planes, would restart "at the earliest next week on Tuesday."

Land convoys to Sarajevo are continuing. Two of them were due to reach the Bosnian capital Friday with a total of 290 tonnes of food.

But the five countries operating the air bridge — Britain, Canada, France, Germany and the United States — are awaiting details of new security assurances given by the warring parties to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees before flying again.

The airport remains hazardous, and two trucks — one UNPROFOR and one UNHCR — came under sniper fire there Thursday, without casualties.

Spanish Major Juan Villalon, the UNPROFOR spokesman, told reporters the electricity network for the city had been severely damaged by days of shelling in the hills to the north.

The city was now about as badly off as before UNPROFOR-assisted repair missions started several months ago.

## Princess Stephanie sentenced by court

NICE, France (R) — The newborn son of Princess Stephanie, 25, and her husband, Prince Rainier, was sentenced to 15 days in prison for a motorist's death during an argument in the southern French city last January.

The 18-month-old baby, who was born in Monaco, stayed in Monaco, out of French law, since his mother was issued against conviction with the death of a 27-year-old Frenchman, who was killed by a car driven by the princess's son.

Princess Stephanie and her husband, Prince Rainier, reported to the court that the child was born on Nov. 27 in their home in Monaco.

Princess Stephanie already has a son born to another woman, who wedded.

## Top U.S. official warns on smoke tobacco sales

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. health officer says number of male teenage smokers has increased, and warned that cancer could reach epidemic unless the trend was reversed.

Flanked by health experts, he said the trend was a "dreadful" one, and that the number of teenagers who smoke has increased in the last few years.

U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop called for tough new laws to curb the sale and promotion of tobacco.

"If we do not pay attention and curb emerging epidemic of cancer, the curve will climb steadily, diminishing the life expectancy of millions of people," he said.

He called for broad federal efforts, laws to ban smokeless tobacco, and to sponsor entertainment and closer health care.

Smokeless tobacco, such as chewing tobacco and snuff, is tied to 75 per cent of throat cancers and many lung in heart disease. It is also a major cause of cancer in people diagnosed in cancer do not live more than five years.

Snuff consumption peaked since 1972 and is still high — finely processed tobacco — have risen 30 per cent since 1986.

## Clinton, the man from Hope, gets mail in Alaska

HOPE, Alaska (R) — A man who still believes in a "pledge," "Hope" may wish to mail his mail in this hamlet some miles northwest of Anchorage to President-Elect Clinton, born in tiny Arkansas, have been in this one-time mining town in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula.

Postmaster Linda Graham butes the missent mail to a vision over state abbreviation failure to use zip codes, the work said. Arkansas's abbreviation is AR, while Alaska's is AK. Ms. Graham is Public Radio Network host for the town.

Clinton's mail is so small, relief postmaster Michael has not noticed it. And Alaska, nestled in the Kenai National Forest, is not that only two people work in the post office, which serves 200 people, Ms. Graham said.

## McCartney says 1 Beatle may work together again

NEW YORK (R) — McCartney said that the surviving members of the Beatles may work together as part of a television documentary, which would be their first musical collaboration since they broke up in 1970.

McCartney, who toured the world solo last year, will be next March in Australia, and he, Ringo Starr and George Harrison are getting together on a planned television documentary.

He said that as part of the three may work together on new music. "We're going together for this thing, and it is a chance that we might have a little bit of music for it," he said.

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

### Miyazawa names loyal, 'clean' cabinet

TOKYO (R) — Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa recast his cabinet Friday, using new-found freedom since the exit of scandal-tainted ruling party elders to place loyalists in key posts and show disillusioned Japanese he is his own man.

Mr. Miyazawa named three senior members of his own party faction to key posts — Yoshiro Hayashi as finance minister, Yoshiro Mori to the trade portfolio and Yohei Kono, a popular liberal, as chief cabinet secretary and government spokesman.

The annual reshuffle is a routine affair but Mr. Miyazawa seized the chance to lift his rock-bottom popularity by appointing "clean" members to his cabinet.

A newspaper poll this week put Mr. Miyazawa's support at just 12 per cent, the second lowest score for a post-war leader, mainly because of fallout from the Sagawa money-and-mobsters scandal.

To answer criticism that he was not serious about political ethics, Mr. Miyazawa named as Justice Minister Masaharu Gotoda, a respected veteran unaffiliated with any faction of the long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

### French Senate votes to indict ex-ministers

PARIS (R) — The French Senate voted to indict two Socialist former ministers for manslaughter but rejected charges against ex-Prime Minister Laurent Fabius over the infection of haemophiliacs from AIDS-tainted blood.

The Senate voted 192 to 73 to bring former Social Affairs Minister Georgina Dufoux and former Health Minister Edmond Herve before a parliamentary high court over accusations they knew blood products were contaminated but failed to withdraw them and introduce the AIDS test for donors quickly enough.

On the first count, the vote was 191 to 74. A second vote was called after problems were encountered with the Senate voting machine.

The charges proposed by the Senate against Ms. Dufoux and Mr. Herve were manslaughter, causing bodily harm, failure to assist a person in danger and fraud. The Socialists voted against the indictments, saying they were biased.

All votes in favour came from the centre-right opposition while the Communists abstained.

### 23 killed in S. African road crash

CAPE TOWN (R) — At least 23 people, most of them children, were killed in a collision between two trucks early Friday, South African police said.

"As far as we have been able to tell so far, only five of the people who died were adults. The rest seem to be children," a police spokesman said.

He said the accident happened near Beaufort West, about 300 kilometres north of Cape Town.

In a separate development, six miners were killed when two earth tremors hit a gold mine, company officials said Friday.

The tremors caught the miners while they were working in the Libanon Gold Mine at Westonia outside Johannesburg Thursday, officials said.

### EFA partners agree on cheaper plane

BRUSSELS (R) — The four countries in the Eurofighter programme have agreed to develop a cheaper aircraft suited to post-cold war needs in a decision claimed as a victory by both Britain and Germany, the main partners.

The defence ministers of Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain endorsed a military study on changed requirements and an industry study suggesting savings of up to 30 per cent could be made in the European Fighter Aircraft (EFA) project through a changed work share-out and other measures.

"I am delighted to say we have reached total agreement," British Defence Secretary Malcolm Rifkind told reporters.

"This represents a very important milestone for European cooperation in the defence field," he added that it ended uncertainty about jobs, defence industry and military needs.

### Uzbekistan clamps down on opposition

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (R) — The Uzbek parliament, elected before the fall of communism in the Soviet Union, banned an opposition group two days after promising freedom of thought and multi-party democracy in a new constitution.

State television in the Central Asian republic said parliament, in its first meeting since June, voted 383 to seven Thursday to shut down the nationalist Birlik (Unity) Popular Front Movement, an advocate of Western-style democracy, for "anti-government activities."

The specific charges against the group, which has not been allowed to register as a political party, were not immediately clear.

But diplomats said the government, dominated by the old guard, saw Birlik as a stalking horse for the underground Islamic Revival Party (IRP), whose mullahs have inspired a battle against former Communists in neighbouring Tajikistan.

Both Birlik and IRP claim support in the densely-populated Fergana Valley where growing nationalist and Islamic yearnings make a powerful political cocktail which many in Tashkent fear could explode at any time.

### North Korea changes prime minister

TOKYO (R) — North Korean Prime Minister Yon Hyong-Muk lost his job Friday, and veteran former Prime Minister Kang Song-San took his place, the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported.

The formal seal on the leadership change came at a meeting in Pyongyang of the Supreme People's Assembly, the Stalinist state's rubber stamp parliament.

The step had been ordered Thursday at a plenary session of the ruling party's Central Committee chaired by General Secretary Kim Il-Sung, the state president, the agency said.

The report by Pyongyang's official mouthpiece, monitored in Tokyo gave no indication of why Mr. Yon, 71, was being replaced.

### Armenia threatens to reopen nuclear plant

ANTALYA, Turkey (R) — Armenia, hit by severe power shortages because of its conflict with Azerbaijan, said it might reactivate a suspect nuclear plant unless Turkey supplied electricity.

"If Turkish electricity does not come to Armenia, we must consider reopening the plant," Acting Foreign Minister Arman, Kirakosian said.

He was speaking to Reuters after a Black Sea Economic Cooperation Pact ministerial meeting in the southern city of Antalya.

Armenia, under pressure from environmentalists, shut down the 800-megawatt Metsamor plant near the Turkish border in 1988 after an earthquake. Turkey fears a nuclear mishap in the 20-year-old plant could expose its eastern territory to the same effects as the 1986 Chernobyl explosion in the Ukraine.

Turkish Energy Minister Ersin Farayali said last week Ankara would reconsider an accord signed in November to sell power to Armenia.

Turkey backs Azerbaijan in its four-year conflict with Armenia over the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh. Azerbaijan has cut off all energy supplies to Armenia.

### Hyundai workers stage anti-government rally

SEOUL (R) — Hundreds of Hyundai workers braved freezing rain to denounce a government inquiry into alleged campaigning by South Korea's second largest company.

With eight days to go before the presidential election, tempers are flaring and passions soaring as parties let fly with accusations of vote-buying, fraud and other dirty tricks.

A survey by an election watchdog showed that more than 12 per cent of voters polled admitted receiving cash or gifts. About 500 to 600 workers chanting "Hyundai families unite" and "guard against unfair government pressure" protested noisily outside group headquarters for about 30 minutes.

"Today's rally was nothing. It's just a rough taste of what is to be expected this Saturday," one executive told Reuters.

### Ecuador army chief dies in plane crash

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — The army's top general, his son and eight military officers were killed when their small jet slammed into a 10-story building under construction in a residential neighbourhood, officials said.

There were no survivors aboard plane and at least one worker in the building was killed, officials said.

Radio reports, which could not be immediately confirmed, said there were at least three dead on the ground.

Gen. Carlomagno Andrade and the others were returning from a military ceremony in Machala, about 350 kilometres southeast of Quito, when the wing of the Sabreline executive jet hit the fifth floor of the building, said army spokesman Gen. Edmundo Luna.

The cause of the 2345 GMT crash was not immediately known and it was unclear whether there were warning lights on the building, located in an exclusive neighbourhood several miles from Quito International Airport.

### Year for Indigenous People inaugurated

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary-General Boutros Ghali has launched 1993 as the International Year for the World's Indigenous People and named Nobel Peace Prize laureate Rigoberta Menchu of Guatemala as its goodwill ambassador.

Indigenous people, estimated to number some 300 million in more than 70 countries, are descendants of the original inhabitants. They include American Indians, Arctic Aleuts and Inuits, Australian Aborigines, New Zealand Maoris, African Tuaregs and the Hmong of South East Asia.

Addressing a special meeting of the General Assembly, Dr. Ghali noted that Ms. Menchu, a Maya, was awarded the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize for her contribution to social justice and reconciliation between different ethnic groups.

She had agreed to serve as goodwill ambassador for the international year, he announced amid applause.

### 16 dead, in German train accident

HAMBURG (R) — A passenger train travelling at high speed ploughed into a group of railway workers on a north German line late Thursday, killing six of them, rail officials said Friday.

Another worker was severely injured when a Eurocity train travelling from the Danish capital Copenhagen to Hamburg slammed into the group inside the station of Bad Oldesloe, north of Hamburg, at a speed of about 120 kph (89 mph).

A police spokesman said the train driver was suffering from severe shock.